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34456**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

- ~~{e1}~~ 1. (Currently amended) A method of consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:
~~selecting receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;~~
~~selecting receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of portions of data from~~
files corresponding to each of said plurality of spreadsheets; and
executing automated consolidation of said portions of data comprising;
retrieving said portions of data;
generating at least one final report spreadsheet; and
appending said portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.
- ~~{e2}~~ 2. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 further comprising ~~selecting receiving a~~
~~selection of~~ at least one workbook.
- ~~{e3}~~ 3. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 further comprising ~~selecting receiving a~~
~~selection of~~ at least one open workbook or stored workbook.
- ~~{e4}~~ 4. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 further comprising ~~selecting receiving a~~
~~selection of~~ at least one worksheet.
- ~~{e5}~~ 5. (Cancelled)
- ~~{e6}~~ 6. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein ~~selecting receiving a selection of~~
portions of data comprises selecting at least one of rows, columns, cells, tables,
filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file
corresponding to said plurality of spreadsheets.

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~~{e7}~~ 7. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein selecting receiving a selection of portions of data comprises searching for desired text within said plurality of spreadsheets.

~~{e8}~~ 8. (Original) A method as in claim 1 further comprising appending data to said at least one final report spreadsheet that is not within said plurality of spreadsheets.

~~{e9}~~ 9. (Original) A method as in claim 1 further comprising storing a custom spreadsheet search associated with said plurality of spreadsheets and said selected portions of data.

~~{e10}~~ 10. (Currently amended) A software program for consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:
a spreadsheet selection procedure for selecting receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;
a data selection procedure for receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of portions of data from files corresponding to each of said plurality of spreadsheets;
a custom search procedure for selecting receiving a selection of at least a portion of each of said selected one or more spreadsheets; and
a final report spreadsheet generating procedure for generating at least one final report and appending said selected portions of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report.

~~{e11}~~ 11. (Cancelled)

~~{e12}~~ 12. (Currently amended) Multiple spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising:
a monitor;
a storage device; and
a controller displaying a graphical control panel on said monitor, said graphical control panel comprising:
a spreadsheet selection area for selecting receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets; and
a custom search module for selecting receiving a selection of at least a portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets; and

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said controller generating at least one final report spreadsheet and appending said selected portions of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report spreadsheet.

~~{e13}~~ 13. (Original) A system as in claim 12 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a workbook selection area.

~~{e14}~~ 14. (Original) A system as in claim 13 wherein said workbook selection area comprises an open workbook selection.

~~{e15}~~ 15. (Original) A system as in claim 13 wherein said workbook selection area comprises a workbook search in a selected database.

~~{e16}~~ 16. (Original) A system as in claim 12 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet selection area.

~~{e17}~~ 17. (Original) A system as in claim 16 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

~~{e18}~~ 18. (Original) A system as in claim 12 further comprising a status indicator.

~~{e19}~~ 19. (Original) A system as in claim 12 further comprising an event logger.

~~{e20}~~ 20. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 12 further comprising at least one window for ~~selecting~~ receiving a selection of said plurality of spreadsheets and said at least one portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets.